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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren,

April was again a very busy month in the Lodge with many Degree conferrals. Congratulations to all of the Candidates who were Initiated and progressing in their Degree work and to the Officers for putting on fine work.

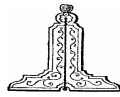
Our Lodge has been busier than ever with all of the Officers working very hard to help put on good Degree's for the Candidates, who are very eager to progress. One area of disappointment is the number of Masons in attendance. At one Degree last month, 66% of the sideliners were not members of our Lodge—a pretty easy statistic to achieve with only 3 sideliners. It would be appreciated by the Candidates and Officers if more Masons would be in attendance in the future.

Worshipful Brothers John Brooks and Tom Traver have been holding Classes of Instruction for the Deacons and Stewards. These nights have been well attended and many of our new Master Masons are eagerly participating as well. I would encourage anyone interested to attend, and I thank John, Tom, and all of the Officers and Members who have taken part so far for their time and efforts. This service is great for our Lodge.

Please attend our Stated Meetings and, as always, the Officer's and Candidate's appreciate your support at our Degree's.

Fraternally,
Dave Lonergan
Worshipful Master

**THIS IS YOUR LODGE
ATTEND SOON AND OFTEN**



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

HELP WANTED – Sideliners needed at lodge meetings.

We know that regularly attending lodge or any other activity is a matter of habit. You make it a habit to attend or not to attend.

Start making a change in your habit of not attending lodge meetings by coming to just one lodge meeting this month. Then two lodge meetings the next month. That will be the start of the new habit of attending lodge. We hope to see you soon and often.

Fraternally,
Drew Middleton
Senior Warden



NOTE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Dear Brethren,

Right now, the second group of our Greatest Generation of veterans is in Washington, D.C. paying respects to their World War II Memorial, and is finally receiving the recognition they deserve.

There are still a few open seats on the trips from Southern California on May 6-8, May 13-15, and May 20-22. There will be flights in the fall.

If you are a WWII veteran please talk with your lodge secretary and identify your interest in making the trip.

We want every Masonic WWII veteran to join this trip of a lifetime.

Kenneth G. Nagel
Grand Master



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The Honored Ladies Luncheon, hosted by the Lodge, will be held on Saturday May 1st in the dining room. If any of our Honored Ladies need transportation to the luncheon please notify the Lodge so that arrangements can be made. It is requested that all Lodge officers participate in this luncheon, all of our brethren and their ladies are invited to join in welcoming our Honored Ladies..

On Monday, May 17th, our Lodge will host the 901st Masonic District's Officer's School of Instruction. All officers need to be present as we are scheduled to exemplify the second section of the Third Degree. All **Master Masons** are invited to attend.

Classes of instruction for prospective Deacons and Stewards are being conducted by the Lodge. If you are interested in participating notify our officers' coach Tom Traver, PM, for details.

May Brotherly Love Prevail.

Fraternally,
John Brooks, PM
Junior Warden



Applications Read

Applications for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Kameron Mahsien Kenneth Raisi and Mr. Aaron Robert Greetham; and for Affiliation from James Robert Heygster, with our lodge were read at the April Stated Meeting. If the investigating committees return a favorable report, they will be voted on at the May Stated Meeting.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE

Brethren,

Your 2010 Lodge dues were due on January 1st. If you have not paid them yet; please send them to me as soon as possible. If you are having financial difficulties; please contact the Master and let him know that you are in need of assistance.

I sent out the first dues notice on October 15th, and a second notice to those who had not yet paid their 2010 dues in February. Several of those brothers told me that they had not received the first notice.

My question for all of members is how can I make sure that each of you receives the dues notice when it is first mailed out? If you have a suggestion, please e-mail or call the Lodge Office with your ideas.

Also over the last few months I have lost contact with some of our members, they seem to have just dropped off the face of the earth. I would also like for suggestions on how keep in touch our membership and reestablish communications with them when their mailing address is invalid, their phone is disconnected, and their e-mail is not being accepted. Do you have any suggestions?

My thought is that each member provides the lodge with a contact person who does not live with him. The name, address, and phone number of a parent, child, sibling or any other person who you would keep in contact with on a regular bases. We really want to keep in contact with our members, but we need your help with that task. Please help us.

Fraternally,
Roy Youngblood, PM
Lodge Secretary



SUNSHINE REPORT

Another month has passed with no new names to add to the list of our brothers who are in need of some of our Masonic Sunshine. Just as an update of our brothers who are in need of our prayers, cards and calls.

Chuck Baldrige – Eye Problems
Woody Cossey – Health Problems
Jack deBruin – Health Problems
Al Fiechter – Skin Cancer
Ardill Martin – Fractured Hip
John Mathews – Stroke

If you are the spouse, family member, friend or care giver of a lodge member in need of some Masonic Sunshine, please let us know by calling the Lodge Office at (760) 722-9363.

HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

The officers of Oceanside-San Dieguito Lodge will be hosting a lunch and program for the widow of our members on Saturday, May 1st, 2010, at 12 noon.

All of the members of the lodge and their ladies are invited to join the Honored Ladies for an afternoon of good company, good food (pot roast), and entertainment.

The ladies always get pleasure from visiting with old friends and making new friends.

Please call (760) 722-8057 and let us know that you will be attending, so that we can have food and a place to sit for you.

Masonic Philanthropies

Donations to the Masonic Homes and/or the Masonic Foundation have been received from the following brothers:

Ed Inskeep - Tom Mullen - Howard Wooten



MASONIC EDUCATION

Masonic Homes

In March 1893, more than 100 years ago, the Grand Lodge purchased 267 acres of land in Decoto for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. From that small beginning, our Masonic Homes today provide a loving family life to children and a carefree and secure home life to our seniors.

And our Masonic Homes do more. Our Masonic Homes have expanded beyond residential facilities. We now assist people in their own communities through our Masonic Outreach Services (MOS), we can assist those children and seniors who can be better served by remaining in their own homes. We meet their needs by arranging for help from experts in the community and provide the financial assistance to hire those experts when warranted, without the need to move to one of our Homes.

How can we do this? We do it from the generosity of the Masons who have gone before. Our Homes and Masonic Outreach Services are 100 percent funded from the income earned on the Endowment Fund. That Endowment Fund was built from the faithful contributions of the craft in years past.

Brothers of Oceanside-San Dieguito Lodge have in the past been very generous to the Masonic Homes. However, this year the size and total of the contributions are down.

If you have not made a donation in the last year won't you please send a check to the lodge or to the Grand Lodge? If you have made a bequest, will you consider making another?

May is Masonic Homes Month

